

Boston Sept. 6. 1834.

Rev. Amos A. Phelps,

Dear Sir;

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You note of Sept. 4th,

has just come to hand. I am rejoiced to know that our friends in Maine are so sted fast. I suppose you feel that it is very important and will do all you can to mature the cause there previous to the convention. Our friends here are much encouraged. At the Annual Meeting of the Young Men's Society Mr. Hines was chosen Pres't and Mr. W. P. Porter late Editor pro tem. of the Recorder was chosen Cor. Secretary. Mr. P. will be an help meet to us. I believe the Society intend to publish a small catechism to be prepared by Mrs. Child. — Mr. Sewall of Wmthrop ordered 25 of your Lectures after or about the time you left there. — Our N.E. Society have determined to have the quarterly meeting in September as near like the annual meeting as we can make it. Nothing but brute force will prevent us from exercising this our "inalienable right". Mr. Stow has engaged to speak and will relate the exercises of his own mind in relation to his change of sentiment. Brother Hall will speak upon the subject of Christian duty. In this subject I think he will be much at home. — The

other speakers are not engaged. I have thought of asking Mr. Lee of Sherburne - not certain that I shall. Brother Porter would give us excellent matter but his speaking powers are not the kind we need for such an occasion. How much we all should be rejoiced to have you with us at that time.

Mr. Wells will speak if need be and breast the stones if any are thrown at him. — With regard to the "Maryland Scheme" I would just say they are recently from the press. I credit them as from you and what I sell will be sold for your account. I sell them for distribution at \$14 per hundred and 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents single. I give some away when I feel well satisfied they will turn to good account. If I remember right you wished me to distribute to the Ministers and some of our influential men in the City. I have distributed nearly one hundred in this way. I shall send a few immediately to Dr. Farnsworth, Boston as that is one of the places where the Messrs. Breckinridge & Mc. Kenney held forth. I have not yet been able to learn that they present their cause in any other places beside Northampton and Hartford. I shall send some of ^{the} 'Scheme' to both those places as soon as I can find suitable persons to send them to - this also being according to your wish. The Ex. Com. of the Am. Soc. referred the question respecting the division of the money to Mr. Stuart who decided that we should have one fourth. Our Fr. will draw on

M. Green for the amount some time this month.

The A. Com. acceded to your plan of co-operation with the addition of the following which is intended to be inserted after the 3^d article:-

"Provided, that nothing in this arrangement shall prevent either Societies or individuals from giving money directly to the ~~to the~~ Treasury of the Parent Society at their option."

At a meeting of our Board on Thursday last this additional Proviso was acceded to. Within the time the Mess. Breckinridges were in the City after you left I wrote you two letters - one of them a very long one - in which I gave you some account of two of their meetings. I am rather ab^surd you did not get them as you did not to my knowledge mention ^{it} to any one in your letter. I send you 100 of the Scheme which I think will not be more than you can distribute to good advantage. — I should be glad of further advice from you in relation to the distribution of them.

Your fellow labouer

B. C. Bacon

Sec. & agt. N. E. A. S. Society

P.S. Mr. Porter has just brought in some of his Circulars which you may dispose of as you think proper.

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